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could favor BSP and BJP, both of which have more committed voters bases. Apart from caste and personality politics, voters are concerned about development and the prospect of statehood for Uttar Pradesh's neglected Bundelkhand region. A group of interlocutors including science and engineering professors said poverty and unemployment are concerns, but they tended to be viewed through the lens of caste.
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